



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary May 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kevin Linck and introductions were done. Chair Kevin Linck called for a moment of silence in support of member Robert Nelson whose wife was gravely ill.

The meeting summary from April 22, 2013 was approved. (M. Firley moved; B. Daly seconded).

Update from the County Council – Councilmember Craig Rice summarized the Council's budget deliberations that expanded the Excel Beyond the Bell afterschool initiative, funded Montgomery County Public Schools at the maintenance of effort level, increased the number of School Resource Officers, funded a commuter shuttle from Clarksburg to the MARC train station in Germantown, reduced the energy tax another 10%, and continued to provide funding for nonprofit organizations among other decisions.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- The Planning Board will hold a work session on the zoning rewrite project on Thursday, May 23 and the County Council will hold their public hearing on June 11 at 7:30pm.
- Ms. Matthews invited Elizabeth Ortega-Lohmeyer, from the County's Department of Recreation, to explain changes that are being made to their financial assistance program in order to better serve families year-round and for all programs. Ms. Ortega-Lohmeyer provided an overview of the policy that will go into effect on June 3, 2013.

Guest Discussion – "Health and Human Services and Preparing for Healthcare Reform."

County Health and Human Services Director Uma Ahluwalia provided an overview of needs, service demands, and ways the County is addressing them. She also briefed the board on how Montgomery County, working with the State, will implement the healthcare reform initiative.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Linck asked the Nominating Committee to present their recommendation for next year's officers which were:

Chair	Cherian Eapen
1 st Vice Chair	Pat Seals
2 nd Vice Chair	David Rosenbaum
Land Use Cmte. Chair	Beth Daly
Quality of Life Cmte. Chair	James Wallace

There were no other nominations from the floor. The nominees were elected by a unanimous vote (moved by M. Firley; seconded by D. New).

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee – No report.

Quality of Life Committee – No report.

Dickerson Facility Implementation Group – No report.

Montgomery Airpark Liaison Committee – No report.

Pepco Community Advisory Group - Mr. Linck reported that Susan Marinelli, Energy Wise Rewards Program Manager for PEPCO, has asked to speak to the board in the near future about the company's efforts to promote energy efficiency in the home and workplace. This request will be considered at the executive Committee's next meeting.

Permitting Services Advisory Committee – No report.

Shady Grove Plan Implementation Advisory Committee – No report.

Smart Growth Initiative Implementation Advisory Group – No report.

Speed Camera Advisory Committee – No report.

New Business - None

Community Concerns - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. (A. Aviles moved; M. Firley seconded).

Attendance: Andres Aviles, Juan Cardenas, Beth Daly, Brian Donohue, Cherian Eapen, Mark Firley, Scott Graham, James King, Matthew Leakan, Kevin Linck, Daisha New, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, Ruyan Teng, Robert Thompson, James Wallace.

Additional Guests: Steve Goldstein (Councilmember Rice's Office), Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, David Stein

Staff: Catherine Matthews

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